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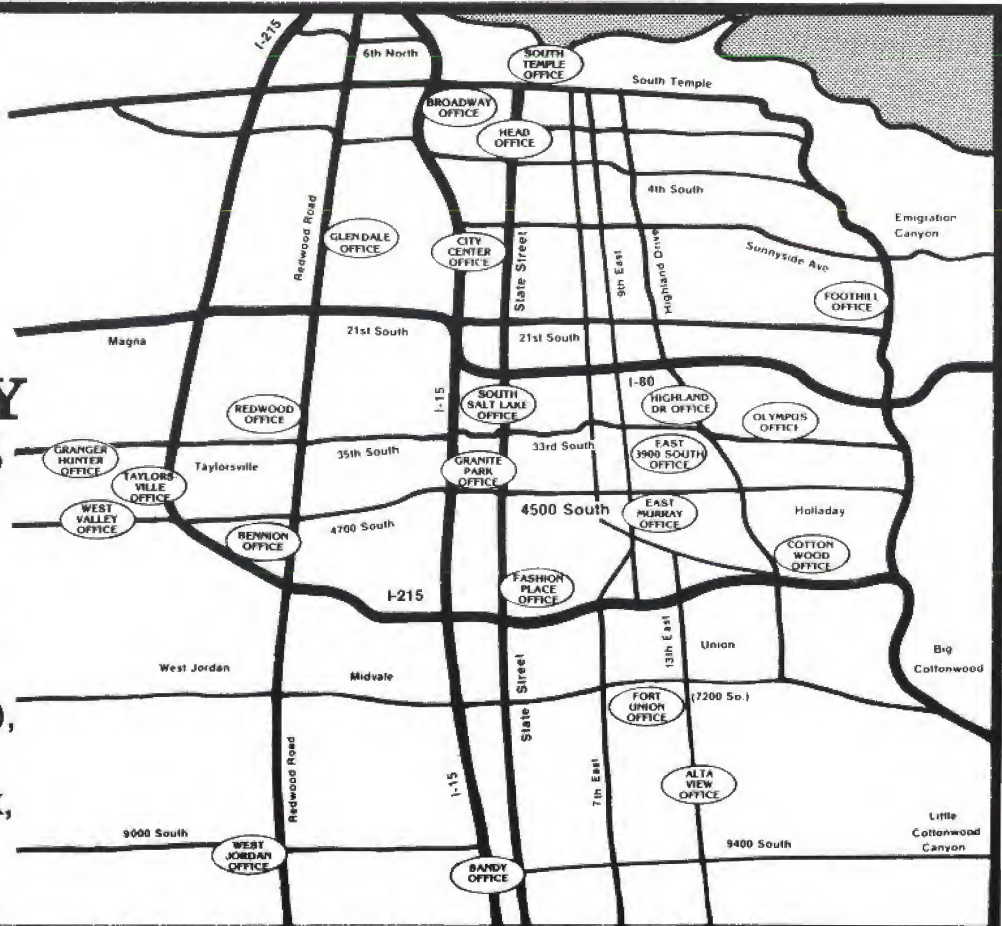
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## Swan Song for Verl and LaRaine: Thanks for a Year of Accomplishment

LaRaine and I will always be grateful for the opportunity and privilege that has been ours to travel and visit your chapters, where we have been treated so cordial and friendly. We will always treasure these experiences of meeting new friends and renewing friendships with others. We'll always remember that SUP Couples are the friendliest people in the world and we hope you will continue to welcome us into your midsts as past-president and friends.

Our objects and goals have not entirely been met, but a great stride has been made toward the goals with the help of many dedicated individuals. We have five new chapters and the group in Indianapolis is ready to charter. Work is underway to charter a chapter in the colonies of Old Mexico, and might be realized before the end of the year. Membership is growing. Each month we have 30 to 50 new members.

Our financial obligations are now pretty well known and we maintain a tight rein on expenditures thanks to our Executive Secretary Glen Greenwood, Treasurer Howard Gray, and the Executive Committee. Through much study and rearranging of our investment programs we feel our money in trust is giving

us much larger return on our reserves now.

We feel our organizational structure has worked fairly well where each project chairman has been able to have the assistance of a director to help him as well as the executive committee and the vice president assigned.

We enjoyed one of the best encampments ever at Cedar City. A special thanks to their leaders. We'll always remember this joyous occasion.

Our Day of '47 Chairman, Phil Robbins, certainly did a tremendous job placing us in the front section of the Pioneer Parade. This added prestige to our organization.

Our life membership committee has continued to do an excellent job with many, many new life memberships; Chairman Adolph Johnson has exceeded our expectations.

This year saw the completion of our song book -- started in 1982 -- an excellent tool for fellowship and continuance of honoring our heritage. Mark Nichols has done a tremendous work. We are indebted to him.

Many chapters have had outstanding programs, along with treks, to spice up their activities. We congratulate them for this and hope every chapter will realize the value



of having fun while learning more and honoring our pioneers.

I feel the past presidents council has helped us through their support and encouragement of our activated. President Grant Hale is a truly dedicated supporter of SUP and an asset to the organization. The cooperation of President-Elect D. Wayne Mallet and Past-President Glen Greenwood -- as well as his duties as executive secretary has been outstanding, and I pledge my support to them in the coming years.

The National Board has been very cooperative and I appreciate their help in everything we've tried to do. And finally, thanks to each and every one of you for making our year so special.

*Verl L. Petersen  
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### Gathering of Leaders

Leaders of three organizations formed to honor Pioneer heritage met for dinner at SUP headquarters in August. Pictured are Emma Olsen, Daughters of Utah Pioneers; Verl and LaRaine Petersen, Sons of Utah Pioneers; Mr. and Mrs. John C. Richards, Mormon Battalion.

## First Eleven SUP Chapters File Achievement Plans

Eleven SUP Chapters have submitted applications to participate in the SUP Achievement Program, in accordance with instructions given at the Cedar City Encampment during August 1985.

Chapters whose applications have been recorded are: Jordan River Temple, Twin Peaks, Taylorsville-Bennion, Settlement Canyon, Cedar City, Box Elder, Red Rock (Kanab), Holladay, Beehive, Temple Quarry, and Sugar House.

Officers should check to see that they have 1985-86 score sheets, and notice that there are some minor changes in the program, according to Sam Gordon, chairman.

However, some applications were not identified by chapter name nor signed by a chapter officer. Chapters should be recording reports each month pertaining to ac-

## Executive Secretary Gives Instructions For Chapter Officers

Presidents and Treasurers:

There are some things which are quite vital to the running of a smooth office. We need help on some of these things to complete our records. They are all things which have been asked of you previously, but sometimes they are forgotten.

1. With each membership, always send an application form, completely filled out, including telephone number and wife's name. If you are not sure they are past members, please complete a new application form.

2. The day after elections in your accomplishment of creditable activities.

The date for submitting program applications has been extended until January 15, 1986, or after the training workshop (January 11th).

chapter, please mail us a list of your new officers and committee assignments.

3. If there is a death in your chapter, please send us a copy of the obituary.

4. If a deceased member was a Life Member, please let us know whether the widow wants to continue to receive the PIONEER magazine or if there was no living spouse.

5. Membership dues received after October 1st are counted as dues for the next year. Please collect all the dues as quickly as possible before the first of the year; send them in groups rather than one at a time.

We would like to have the dues in our office by the 1st of February of each year, except as new members continue to join.

6. It is important that we have telephone numbers for everyone who has a telephone.

7. If you or anyone in your chapter have not been receiving your magazines, please contact us immediately so that correction can be made. Don't wait for several months.

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SUP President Verl Petersen accepts family histories from Mt. Jordan Chapter President Dennis Dalley after they were presented by Elwood Chambers, John Walker Family president.

## Family Group Sponsors 38 Pioneers; Special Name Panel is Considered

The John Walker Family Association has announced a plan to place the names of 38 ancestor-pioneers in the Pioneer Memorial Gallery of SUP Headquarters.

This unprecedented program was launched at a meeting of the Mt. Jordan Chapter on October 25 attended by National President Verl Petersen and President-Elect Leonard Johnson for 1987.

Stanley Walker Stevenson of Mt. Jordan Chapter and Lorry E. Rytting of Canyon Rim Heritage Chapter, both direct descendants of John Walker, were chairman and co-chairman, respectively of a presentation program attended by Walker family members from Oregon, Idaho and Utah.

Elwood W. Chambers, of Shoshone, Idaho, and president of the John Walker Family Association, presented

copies of two books published by the family to Dennis Dalley, chapter president, who then presented them to SUP National President Verl Petersen for the Pioneer Memorial Historical Library.

President Petersen and President-elect Johnson both praised the family association for their book gifts and expressed enthusiastic support for the proposal, and said they hope this example will be followed by other family organizations.

### Family Histories Donated

The gift included a book of 1326 pages containing 20,000 names linked together in families descending from John Walker. This was one of 1500 copies printed in 1985 for family members, compiled in its second edition by Rodney W.

Walker, executive secretary of the family association.

Also included was a second book published by the John Walker family based on the journals of William Holmes Walker, one of John Walker's 12 children.

Twelve brief biographies were given, representing John Walker and the family's first generation: William Holmes, Lorin, Catherine, Lucy, Edwin, Henry, Jane, John, Mary Electa, Solomon, Hyrum Alonzo and Clarinda. Four of the Walker children were taken after the death of their mother into the home of Joseph and Emma Smith.

### Distinguished Progeny

One son, Lorin, married the oldest daughter of Hyrum Smith. A daughter, Lucy, was one of the plural wives of Joseph Smith, and later was married to Heber C. Kimball. Two sons, William and Edwin, were members of the Mormon Battalion. Another daughter, Jane, became the wife of Lot Smith.

The sketches were presented Walker descendants Steven D. Jones, Lorry E. Rytting, David C. Blanchard, Leonard J. Tillotsen, Maryanne K. Berrett, Oma W. Wagstaff, Rodney W. Walker, Camille, W. Jensen, R. Annette Clawson, K. Brent Walker and Don H. Lee.

With help from family association funds, the names of John Walker, his three wives and their 12 children will be memorialized. None had previously been so honored. The spouses of the John Walker children who arrived in Utah before 1869 will also be memorialized by additional contributions from their families. Only five of these were previously listed on Memorial Gallery panels.

### Special Panel

The SUP National Board has taken under advisement a request that a special panel on a future plaque be authorized on which all 38 names will be placed, with acknowledgement of the sponsorship by the family association.

The Mount Jordan and Canyon Rim Heritage SUP Chapters each would receive credit towards future monument and marker projects from the proposed name memorialization project.

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# Bear River Battle Launched from Camp Douglas

by D. P. Bartschi  
*East Mill Creek Chapter*

It was muggy, hot and forbidding on July 12, 1862 as the Third Regiment of California Volunteers, under the command of Colonel Patrick Edward Connor, filed out through the heavy gates of San Francisco's Fort Ruby to begin their long and arduous trek to the mythical city of Zion.

It was a long march. The heat of the desert's late summer was torment; the chill of the high Sierra passes were bone-rattling.

The long gray column passed from one extreme to another to eventually become weathered, travel-worn and bone-weary -- even looking forward to the end of the march at the sinister city of the Saints, Salt Lake City.

On October 17, in the equally forbidding and foreboding blizzard of an early winter, Colonel Connor urged his men into the stark sparseness of Old Camp Floyd, only recently renamed Fort Crittenden.

Former Secretary of War John B. Floyd had defected to the Confederates only weeks earlier.

## Federal Troops Unwelcome

The presence of United States Troops in Utah Territory for the second time was less than welcome for the Saints and balefully ignored by Brigham Young. It is reported that Porter Rockwell had an open wager with the Saints of Salt Lake City that "the soldiers would never cross the Jordan". The Colonel's retort was he would "cross the Jordan if hell yawned below him", and the next morning the camp bugler found the Colonel astride a log, grooming his sidearms.

Four days later, on October 21, 1862 the rag-tag column straggled, with a superficial show of pride through the city under the scornfully silent gaze of the assembled Saints. They paraded along Main Street, discreetly without stopping, and on to the east bench overlooking the City, but "with loaded rifles, fixed bayonets, and shotted cannon", according to Connor's records. As the Colonel ordered camp, tents were pitched and the artillery swung around for a "perfect and unobstructed view of Brigham's residence . . . the Prophet felt awfully annoyed". The Colonel ordered the flag of the United States raised and announced the barren tableland to be Camp Douglas; a somewhat dubious honor for the Little Giant, Stephen A. Douglas.

Legend has it that an early morning cannon salute, fired for purely ceremonial and patriotic purposes, brought on near pandemonium in the city below and especially in the spacious Young household. The two factions tolerated each other in hostile antagonism.

## Indians Executed

With December came the rigors of winter. The ancient tribes of the Shoshone and the Bannock stepped up resistance to the invasion of their lands. A detachment of the Camp Douglas troops ruthlessly executed four Shoshone braves; their hands bound, they were ridled by gunfire, then dumped into the Bear River. This extreme act probably brought about the shameful

slaughter at the Bear River in the then sparsely-settled Cache Valley.

Colonel Patrick Edward Connor found himself between a rock and a hard place. One of his specific orders was to protect the U.S. Mail routes; when the Shoshones ambushed two mail riders, he was forced to act. United States Marshal Isaac L. Gibbs issued a formal request for the Camp Douglas troops to arrest certain Chieftains believed to be responsible.

The feisty Irish Colonel was ready to fight but scarcely able - neither he nor his men knew anything about the area nor the enemy. He suddenly realized he was almost completely dependent on his unfriendly neighbors, the Mormons. His many and widespread appeals for help seemed to bring one name, Orrin Porter Rockwell.

## Rockwell Hired

On January 22, 1863, during a raging mountain blizzard, Connor signed Rockwell on the Army payroll as his Chief Scout. When U.S. Marshal Gibbs handed Connor arrest warrants for the Chiefs, Connor's malevolent reply was, "We won't be needing them -- we do not anticipate taking any prisoners." One can only speculate upon Rockwell's inner thoughts as he affixed his mark X to the Federal payroll register and received five dollars per day and supplies - a rather generous allotment for the time. Rockwell's puritan sense of honor and frontier justice dictated that he now must bend his best efforts to the interests of the U.S. Army. Yet his long association and appreciation of the plight of the opposing forces must have tempered his determination.

The Colonel moved quickly. On January 22 he dispatched a small force on a three day march that would test the mettle of even the winter-seasoned plainsman and mountain scout, Rockwell. Connor's plan was ages-old. He was to make a show of forty mounted troops with what appeared to be minimal equipment to falsely impress the Indian Camp with his weakness. But this group was to be followed, at night, by his full detachment, fully equipped.

The march was a nightmare of tortuous winter wind and freezing snow for the troops; winter along the Bear River can be rigorous. Many of the army issue-clad troops suffered bitter frostbite as raging east slope Cache Valley winds scoured the river bottoms in sterile starkness.

A member of Connor's staff later chronicled the march thus, "The moistened breath, freezing as it left their lips, hung in miniature icicles from the beards of the brave men. The foam from their steeds stood stark and stiff upon each hair and motion only made it possible for them to endure the biting freezing blast". Rockwell, the mountainman, was enveloped in heavy crudely-cured buffalo robes which also offered some protection for his black stallion.

## Spotted by Scouts

As the forty horse-soldiers wound their way slowly along the river bank, the Shoshone's advance scouts



were convinced they were to engage a random patrol which could be quickly dispatched. The Chiefs were so informed and made ready for a short and final encounter. The red warriors were securely entrenched in a deep ravine. Riflepits and breastworks gave their position an excellent view of the broad floodplain where they could rake their enemy with gunfire as they approached.

The sharp-eyed warriors were monitoring every movement in the river bottom thicket, unaware that an equally sharp-eyed prairie scout, Porter Rockwell, was almost within their midst and was dispatching intelligence with some regularity to his uneasy Commanding Officer, Colonel Connor, who was some distance away with the main body of the troops.

In the bitter cold gray dawn of January 29th, the horse soldiers skirted the frontier settlement of Franklin and trotted on to the river. The stream was choked with ice floes, and the chafing troopers booted their mounts into the icy stream to gain the north bank. Their impatience was promptly rewarded as an equally impatient red warrior squeezed off a premature shot and felled a calvaryman.

#### Battle of Bear River

The Battle of Bear River had begun. At this moment the chilled troopers were given a dramatic glimpse of the deadly defiance of the defenders. A lean and painted Shoshone War-Chief, in full battle garb, astride a bedecked war pony, galloped along the tableland above them, waving a feathered lance and shouting in fairly passable English a challenge to attack. The battle chant

then re-echoed in unison as the entrenched warriors took up the cry.

The grim troopers quickly took up the gauntlet. In almost reckless haste they scrambled for the steep embankment before them, under the very muzzles of the defenders' weapons. In spite of Rockwell's dispatches, the Colonel and his Third Regiment grossly underestimated the strength of the opposition, and it was at this point that they took their heaviest losses.

The frontier newspaper, the *Desert News*, later reported, "The volunteers fell like leaves in autumn". The battle was savage and bloody. The warriors fought as demons. The rising winter sun had just now topped the eastern range to highlight the bloody stage of conflict. The blue advancing line faltered. The red warriors with their fairly modern armament raked the advancing line venomously. But for pure happenstance, here might have been first written the humiliating defeat of the United States Army which was finally recorded some thirteen years later at the Little Big Horn in the Montana Territory, a disaster likewise spearheaded by an impetuously reckless Commanding Officer, General George A. Custer.

In sheer desperation, Colonel Connor's California crusaders pressed forward - their ranks thinning with every step. Perhaps this determined desperation unnerved the defending warriors, and their ranks began to falter. The winter sun now had risen four hours into the clear blue sky. The troopers were now provoked and enspirited to a point where they were figuratively drink-

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Past President, Timpanogos Chapter

*In this centennial year of the Mormon Colonies in Mexico, it seems fitting to look at a historical building in what came to be known as Juarez Stake.*

The early Mormon colonists in Mexico were pioneers of the Church as surely as were those who crossed the American plains. Both travelled long distances overland to a new land and started from scratch and carved out of the somewhat forbidding soil a new life.

While some went to escape the long arm of the sheriff, because of polygamy, there seems to have been an overriding purpose, far more important than escape from the law.

The colonies would be a sanctuary where Saints could raise their (usually large) families under somewhat controlled conditions, away from many of the evils of the world. Out of colony stock came General Authorities, Regional Representatives, and at least 50 mission presidents. Most of the young men and many women filled missions, the great majority of them to Spanish-speaking missions (there have been times when only residents would be accepted as missionaries). Although not all have lived up to their heritage and teachings, they have generally been a positive leavening force wherever they have gone to live.

## Answering the Call

As with the earlier pioneers, they went in answer to a call from their leaders and met their problems, with no thought of temporary solutions. They had come to stay. While some fell by the wayside, the strong and committed began building sturdy, permanent buildings, at great toil and sacrifice.

There was the Tithing Office, the original part finished before the turn of the century, the Juarez Stake Academy, finished in 1904 and quite a few two-story, red brick dwellings, still inhabited today, in Colonia Juarez and Colonia Dublan.

For lack of hard currency, the early Saints paid their tithes and offerings "in kind," for the most part, they were still hauling the tenth loads of hay and grain to the Tithing Barn and branding each tenth critter to be turned over to the bishop, as late as the 1930's. A tenth of the butter, cheese, eggs, bacon, etc. also was turned in, to be given to the needy, or sold or traded for some other necessity. This required corrals, barns, and tithing storage houses.

Thus was built "the old Tithing Office" in Colonia Juarez, as one of the town's first permanent buildings. It was well constructed with brick and concrete to be a permanent edifice.

Adding to the lore and interest of this structure are the varied uses it has served over the century. It was first used as a bishop's office and storehouse, by Bishop Sevey and his counselors: E. L. Taylor, and Orson P. Brown, and later by Bishop Joseph C. Bentley. Bentley also later used it, as stake president, for the stake of-



*Built before the turn of the century, the old Tithing Office still stands in Colonia Juarez, Chih., Mexico, after serving many functions for the Mormon community.*

fices. Long since gone from the lot behind are the corrals and barn.

## War's Approach

Unrest and turmoil among the peasants was building up, leading to the Revolution of 1912. Some Mexican natives felt that the "Gringos" were interlopers, taking over their farm and grazing land, even though most of them made their living by working for the Mormons. Even though the land was desert for the most part when purchased from the government, natives were becoming more and more aggressive about "borrowing in the night" some things they lacked. When Brother John Hatch's milk cow seemed to be giving milk only at night, a stake-out was set up. Sure enough, one Toribio was up at 4 a.m. getting some milk for his family. He was stung with a couple of salt-and-pepper shots, made up especially for the occasion, and they were able to track him home. There they found quite a cache of stolen goods.

Alonzo Taylor was the acting sheriff: he sent Amos Cox, Guy Taylor, Ed Erying, Samuel E. McClellan and Guy C. Wilson to make the arrest. They arrested four Mexicans and recovered the stolen goods. The four were put in the Tithing Office, the basement, of which served as a jail.

## Death and Arrests

There were threats of violence, and the Sosa and Ponce families were stirring up trouble. As they were trying to arrest Sosa, he split Guy Taylor's head open with a shovel, and was shot dead. Then Judge Rodriguez arrested Guy Taylor, Leslie Combs, John Telford, and Jesse Taylor, for their safety, and to mollify the angry natives.

So the Tithing Office held eight inmates: four Mexicans and four Americans. There were posted four Mexican officers to guard the Americans, and four Americans to guard the Mexicans. An ex-judge from Chihuahua, Jesus Jose' Rodriguez, was to have been the trial judge, but the public mood was hot and precarious,

*(Continued on page 18)*



## Commander's Message

### Follow Examples of Savior, Original Mormon Battalion Members

The Savior said "...love your enemies and do good to those that despitefully use you...." The Mormon Battalion is a good example of this great love that the Savior gave to the people while He was here on earth. The saints were driven, beaten, robbed and expelled from their homes; persecuted and even murdered for their beliefs. But, when the call came from the United States Government to sacrifice and protect even those who had so wrongfully used them, these stalwart 500 men responded to the call of their Country and went through great hardships to complete their responsibility to serve.

The Mormon Battalion today are attempting to emulate the great

faith of these outstanding men and women. We are promoting good will wherever we go. Through our work with men and boys of scout age we create a desire to be better citizens and set a good example.

Brigham Young prophesied that these men would never be forgotten, worlds without end. Brigham Young was a great organizer and colonizer. He recruited 500 men to march to San Diego to assist General Kearney. We may receive praise from Brigham Young for joining the Mormon Battalion, but when we are asked by him if we did all we could for the Battalion we might be embarrassed to answer.

If you truly want the organization to succeed as much as a drowning



man wants breath, it will grow by leaps and bounds. We look to each member to do their part in helping the Battalion to prosper. I do appreciate the things you are doing. Keep up the good work.

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National Commander*

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## Ogden Hosts Mormon Battalion Day

The annual Mormon Battalion Day, under the direction of Col. John C. Richards and the National Staff, was held October 12, 1985 in Ogden, Utah with Company C as hosts. Captain Roy Hansen, Commanding Officer and 1st Lt. Kay Lundell, Commanding Officer of the Auxiliary, and their staff were responsible for planning the day's activities. This is the first time Mormon Battalion Day has been sponsored by a Company.

The flag ceremony, under the direction of Captain Charles Pomeroy, set the stage for an

**Correction --** Honoring Pearl Kimball McDonald (Sept.-Oct. PIONEER) was Pres. Lewis B. Murdock (Holladay SUP), not her husband, Joseph, as our caption said.

outstanding business meeting. Special guests were Dr. Ben Bloxham and Dr. Larry Porter, Professors at BYU. They spoke on their desires to gather information about the Mormon Battalion men and their families. Members of the General Staff also spoke.

The Auxiliary met separately with Lt. Col. Bertha Richards conducting. 1st Lt. LaRee Anderson gave an informative report about the Mormon Battalion women and read a history of Phoebe Draper Brown. 2nd Lt. Margaret Larson, Company D, talked about the songs of the Battalion era and we enjoyed singing some of them. A demonstration on preserving pictures was presented.

The dinner meeting climaxed the day's activities. Captain Carl Larson, Company DOG, dramatized a story about his 2nd great grandfather. J. L. and Kay Lundell, Company C, presented an outstanding narration on the Battalion with their daughters furnishing the musical numbers. Special awards were presented to many of the Battalion and Auxiliary members. A delicious beef dinner was prepared and served by 2nd Lt. Bernice Hansen, Company C.

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## Elder Russell Ballard Speaker at SUP Fathers, Sons Meet

by Larry A. Eggett

Members of the Pioneer Chapter welcomed their sons, sons-in-law and grandsons to the annual father/son luncheon in the Lion House on September 11. Our speaker for that occasion was Elder M. Russell Ballard, now a member of the Council of the Twelve. Earlier this year, Elder Ballard toured drought- and famine-stricken Ethiopia. He showed slides of his tour and discussed the situation in that country.

On October 9, we honored the former presidents of our chapter at a Past President luncheon. We were very pleased to welcome several of the Chapter's past presidents. Our guest speaker was Glade Peterson, noted operatic performer and president of the Utah Opera Company. He discussed some of the early pioneer arts, and shared some of his own pioneering experiences in the opera, including his efforts to establish the Utah Opera Company.

At the October meeting, we held elections for 1986 Chapter officers. The officers who were chosen to serve are David B. Smith, President; Larry A. Eggett, President-Elect; Macoy McMurray, David K. Richards, and Cloyd Wangsgard, Vice President; Robert C. Gunderson, Secretary; and William O. Martineau, Treasurer.

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Ten years after Spencer W. Kimball and his wife were part of the Centennial Pioneer Trek of 1947, his memories of the trip remained bright. Plans for a reunion of those involved prompted a poetic tribute to the original Mormon Pioneers who had made the long trek a century earlier. Written for presentation in 1957, it remains as eloquent today as it was then. The PIONEER is pleased to reprint it here for a new generation of SUP members.

President Spencer W. Kimball

## The Mormon Pioneer Trail - Then and Now Reminiscences and Reflections

Our wheels kept turning, turning  
With accelerated speed,  
Along a well-paved highway  
Commensurate with our need.

But *theirs* kept creaking, creaking  
As they labored round and round  
O'er rocky hills and dusty plains.  
No highways had they found.

The winds kept blowing, blowing  
Sand in bedding, eyes and food,  
As they drove their cattle westward,  
Ne'er a restful interlude.

The rivers flowing, flowing  
Forded by the cows in yokes.  
Those were times of tribulation  
To try the hearts of folks.

The nights were eerie, eerie  
As they heard the coyotes yell,  
When cattle and the horses  
Needed hobbles and a bell.

The travelers weary, weary  
Till the music made them prance,  
Stirred their spirits, gave them interest  
As they cleared the place to dance.

The folks kept singing, singing  
To neutralize their cares,  
To make the miles seem shorter  
And to stimulate their dares.

The schooners battered, tattered  
And sometimes broken down.  
They had to stop and fix them,  
So they'd neither starve nor drown.

The saints were praying, praying  
As they neared their promised sod.  
Though burials were many,  
They still gave thanks to God.

The wheels kept turning, turning,  
A tribute to the soul,  
The people yearning, yearning  
Had finally reached their goal.

Spencer W. Kimball

Those were the days,  
In the glory and blaze  
Of the pioneers centuries ago

We could not surmise  
Nor yet realize  
Every mile had its sorrow and woe.

By caravan trains  
Cross the ne'er ending plains  
We traveled their old trails all day.

We scaled the divide  
In our bold easy stride,  
And never need mourn by the way.

We always had wood.  
How wonderfully good  
Was the 'bundance of food that we ate,

Our fathers were led,  
But never were fed  
With bounties we shared on our plate.

There was water each stop.  
We ne'er had to drop  
In our blankets, sick, thirsty, forlorn.

We could even keep trim  
By taking a swim  
In Rivers and pools in the morn.

No Indians to fight.  
Garages in sight.  
No hardships as pioneers told,

We sat in the shade,  
Were never afraid  
Of animals, hunger or cold.

Through our trek we could see,  
In a little degree  
What the pioneers suffered and stood.

May Heaven above  
And our tribute and love  
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*President Charles Pitts with five SUP life members in Wilcox Family: Graham Ambrose, #1285; Mr. and Mrs. John Ambrose, #1286; Letha and LeRoy Wilcox, #799; Jerry Wilcox, #1283; Keith Wilcox, #1284.*



*Honored Sept. 13 as Paul Harris Fellows by Rotary President Ed Cadman, center, were: Millie (with R. Bert) Carter; Orson Wright (with Patricia), and Veri L. Petersen (with LaRaine).*

## **Wilcox Family Presented Four Life Memberships**

Temple Quarry Chapter members enjoyed a chartered bus trip to the Cedar City encampment recently. On the trip down, stops were made at the Eureka Museum, the IPP power plant, Delta Cheese Factory, and the ruins of Fort Deseret.

On September 12th, they enjoyed

their regular dinner meeting in Heritage Hall.

Highlight of the evening was the announcement by Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Wilcox of four life memberships presented to the men in their family. President Charles Pitts presented certificates to: sons, Jerry Dean Wilcox, Albuquerque, New Mexico and Keith Linford, St. Louis, Missouri; to son-in-law Graham Ambrose and grandson John Mannix Ambrose, 16 mos.

October 10th, the meeting was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Reed Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Etherington, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Webster and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Wilcox.

Past president James Ostler presented an award to Mr. and Mrs. Bud Etherington, who were selected as an outstanding couple at the encampment in Cedar City.

Guest speaker was Dr. Grant Bitter, a guide at Temple Square.

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*Pres. Lewis B. Murdock, Irvin Nelson*

## Irvin Nelson, Henry Florence Honored by Officers, Members of Holladay Chapter

Two SUP nonagenarians with a combined age of 183 years were honored by their colleagues in a recent chapter meeting at SUP headquarters building.

Irvin Theodore Nelson and Henry Samuel Florence were each given special recognition by the Holladay Chapter SUP at an October dinner meeting. Nelson, at 93, and Florence, at 90, both have contributed significantly to the community, church and local SUP chapters.

### Henry Samuel Florence

*Life Member #92*

Instrumental in the development of Pioneer Village and a charter member and former president of the Holladay SUP chapter, Henry Samuel Florence was given special recognition by that chapter at their October dinner meeting.

Born Sept. 5, 1895, the oldest of 10 children, in Portersville, Morgan county. He married Abigail Amanda Hintze, Dec. 24, 1914, in the Salt Lake Temple. She died in 1972 and he married Elsie Dee Adams in 1973.

He says he is grateful to have been born of goodly parents who not only taught him but also exemplified gospel principles of industry and honesty.

As a young married man, he and his wife fulfilled a mission in Hawaii and even though Abigail returned home early because of poor health, Henry remained for two additional years. In 1955, they filled a second mission in Hawaii and in 1966 filled a third mission in New Zealand.

Henry has farmed, owned a service station, operated a dairy, and owned Alpine Rose Lodge at Brighton for 10 years. SUP held a national encampment at Brighton with Henry as the grand host. A member of the Sugarhouse Chapter, he became a charter member of East Millcreek chapter, and Holladay chapters.

As chapter president from 1959 to 1961, he sponsored trips over the Utah Pioneer Trail, and relocated a pioneer house to Pioneer Village, and spent many hours at the village as a host, and working on other projects. He helped build a red brick building where many SUP meetings were held.

### Irvin T. Nelson

*Life Member #388*

A Distinguished Service Award was presented to Irvin T. Nelson by the Holladay SUP Chapter for his contribution in landscape design. He has received worldwide acclaim for his gardens and plantings for the LDS church. Some of his best work was done after the age of 80.

Born in the little Danish community of Milton on April 17, 1892, he was one of a family of twelve children. He attended Weber Academy and became a lifelong friend of his teacher, David O. McKay. He graduated with honors from Utah State University, where he met Kathleen Bagley, who became his wife and mother of their six children.

A love of landscape design began as a hobby as he experimented with plantings at his own home. He did graduate work at the University of California in that field and opened a nursery.

After serving on a LDS church committee to beautify chapels and travelling throughout the church, he began work fulltime as a landscape architect for the church. His living allowance was less than he was making in private business, but he found the love career of his life. He was then 47.

He was soon managing the greenhouses and landscaping for Temple Square and church office buildings in Salt Lake City, an assignment that lasted 40 years, including the gardens at many temples. His landscaping at the Washington D.C. Temple received three national landscaping awards.

He also landscaped many church historical sites and the LDS Pavilion at the New York World's fair in 1965 and received the "Plant America Award" of the American Association of Nurserymen, an "oscar" in the landscaping industry. He received a Merit Citation Award in 1981 by Utah State University and honorary Master M Men award by the YMMIA in 1963.

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## Write On

### Memorial Chairman Commends Chapters

Dear Editor:

We commend the SUP membership for the work they are doing in their chapters, especially in the area of Name Memorialization.

Word has come back to us that some are confused as to the cost of memorializing each name. *Each* name costs \$100, \$100 for each husband, and \$100 for each wife.

When either the husband or wife have been memorialized alone, and a new request is received to memorialize their spouse, the two will be placed together on the next plaque. The only cost will be \$100 for the new name being memorialized.

Anyone who has memorialized ten names, or who has initiated the memorialization of ten names, or a combination of both, is eligible to become members of the Thousand Dollar Club.

We have had family members who have gone together and provid-

### Thanks Canyon Rim Heritage SUP for Tanner Park Help

Dear Editor,

In behalf of the Steering Committee and members of the Canyon Rim Citizens Association, I would like to thank the local chapter (Canyon Rim Heritage) of the Sons of Utah Pioneers for a major contribution to the construction of the restrooms at Tanner Park.

Tanner Park has been a special project of co-operation between the Canyon Rim Citizens Association and the Salt Lake Parks and Recreation Department.

Although labor was donated by

ed enough funds to memorialize their grandparents, and have given it to their father or mother for a birthday or Christmas present.

*Lynn N. Murdock, Chairman  
Name Memorialization Committee*

members of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and some non-members as well, special thanks go to the following who have contributed an enormous amount of time to the project: Jean and Bruce McDonough for labor and overseeing the construction, Jack Nielsen for labor and coordinating the project between City/County and the Canyon Rim Citizens Association and to Clyde Collett for donating his labor and carpentry expertise. Carpentry on the bowery, built earlier, was also donated by members of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

It is our sincere hope that as a building is being constructed new friendships are being created as well.

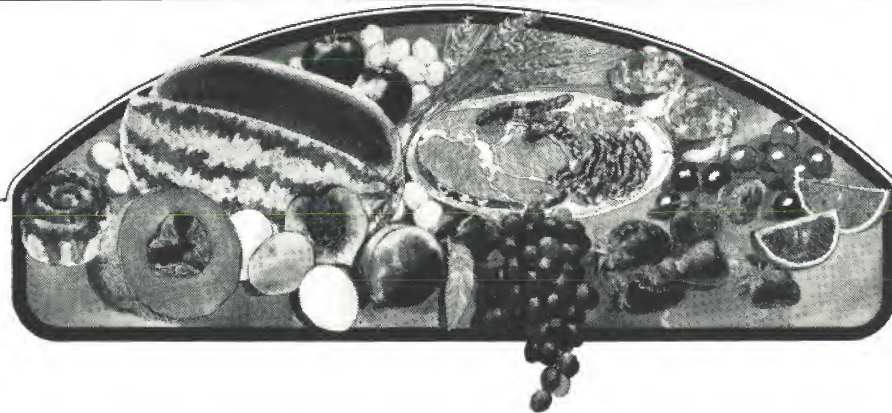
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Showing off their "Outstanding Chapter" award (lower left), and sporting the colorful vests they inaugurated for the 1985 SUP En-

campment in Cedar City are members of the SUP Box Elder Chapter, which may soon become two chapters.

## Twin Peaks SUP Have Banner Year

by Marvin S. Stevens

This year has been a rewarding banner year, based on awards given at the National Encampment in Cedar City. We received the Outstanding Chapter, Outstanding Couple, and Outstanding Individual Awards.

A plaque for Heritage Hall will honor the Presidents of our chapter with their names and the years that they served, and a list of Life

Members with their numbers.

Our distinctive designed logo of brass shows SUP above the twin mountain peaks, our name, and 1984 on the bottom indicating the year it was organized. This design was created by Lois L. Allred, wife of Daniel Allred, an outstanding mainstay since the inception of the chapter.

Our meetings have been well attended and featured speakers from several walks of life. Some are: Pat McGee, a former Catholic priest; LeGrand R. Curtis; Tom Shimizu, Salt Lake county commissioner; Dr. Lowell S. Bennion; Elder Jack H. Goasland Jr.; Dr. Melvin T. Smith; Art Arvanetos, former Greek Orthodox altar boy; David M. Kennedy, former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, and President Ezra Taft Benson.

Two chapter couples are serving missions for the L.D.S. church: John W. and Coral Clifford and G. Kimball and Rhea Nelson.

At encampment time, our membership was forty-one, and 24.39% of the chapter attended, with their partners.

An event that has proved successful and very beneficial in the past is gathering food from our members for the Food Bank with Dr. Lowell Bennion heading this most worthy cause. We urge all chapters to join us in participating in this event during November.

## Box Elder Chapter Split Considered

The Box Elder Chapter officers are considering the possibility of dividing Box Elder Chapter to bring other qualified couples into the SUP program. With over 100 members, the officers feel that potential leaders are being deprived of an opportunity to develop talents and to become leaders in the SUP organization.

Committees are studying each of the fifteen areas in the Achievement Program and are making plans to repeat 1984-85 achievements.

Elections have been held and new officers will be installed at the December meeting. Before that date, two chapters with two sets of officers may be in place.

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## Colonies *(Continued from page 11)*

making a trial impossible.

Guy C. Wilson, Thomas C. Romney, Miles A. Romney, and E. L. Taylor went to Pearson seeking protection from Captain Creighton of the Revolutionary forces. They were promised protection, but remained in constant danger of mobs. When General Madero, one of the revolution's heroes, came through Casas Grandes, he took control of the area, ordering the release of the Mormons. As the Revolution developed, the Americans were notified that they couldn't be protected and must leave the country.

After the war ended, many of the Saints returned to the Colonies (some stayed out a year, some as much as 7 or 8 years). Again, the Church organization was re-established and some rebuilding began. The Tithing Office building again became the bishops office and tithing administration office. Its huge walk-in vault held confidential materials and security items. Later a wing was added on the south (shown partially blocked out by the tree, on the right) to provide a permanent stake president's office. The Relief Society took over the main part of the building as their domain.

A baptismal font was built in the basement (the ex-jail) about 20 years ago. After a new chapel was built in Colonia Juarez, including the usual Relief Society room, the old Tithing Office was turned into a

## Camp Douglas *(Continued from page 10)*

ing the blood of battle.

The ravine which had previously offered the warriors such excellent shelter had now become their death trap. One young brave, in an attempt to escape, clambered up the steep slope, his bronze back to be literally chopped to bits by at least fourteen slugs from the army musketry. The end was near at hand. There were, as Connor had predicted, few prisoners.

Connor counted his losses - 14 dead, 128 wounded or disabled by the cold. Of the enemy the ravine was littered by 224 combatants, and uncounted scores fell victim to the icy waters of the river. The spoils of war were considerable: horses, grain, and provisions, plus recovery of plunder stolen from settlers and emigrants.

### Rockwell Role Unclear

The Colonel was well pleased with himself. Rockwell's activities during the four-hour siege is sparsely chronicled. One must suspect, however, that his combative nature would not permit him to be purely a spectator. Before the last shot was fired and the black powder smoke had cleared the arena, Rockwell was off to nearby Franklin where he unceremoniously commandeered ten teams and sleighs to transport the dead and wounded with the spoils back to the newly-established Camp Douglas.

This weary contingent pulled into camp in the biting cold of February 2, 1863. The following day the still bristling Colonel rode jauntily into camp in a light buggy which had been somehow acquired for the return trip. Beside the resplendent Colonel rode the familiar bearded figure cloaked in his customary frontier attire, Orrin Porter Rockwell, still taciturn and aloof, with perhaps slightly more respect for the U.S. military than when he had predicted "the soldiers would never cross the Jordan".

## Honor Roll of Chapters

(Monuments, Landmarks Erected by SUP)

Chapter	Monument	Date
Oquirrh Mtn.	Parley's Canyon Industries	12/82
Settlement Canyon	Lookout Pass	5/84
Union Fort	Union Fort Cemetery	5/84
Murray	Murray Smelter	7/84
Box Elder	Lorenzo Snow Grave	7/84
Ogden Pioneer	Indian Trails	7/84
Holladay/Potomoc	Camp Grant, Mtn. Dell	8/84
South Davis	Big Mountain	8/84
Salt Lake City	Parley's Golden Road	9/84
Jordan Riv. Temp.	Riverton; Dome Church	10/84
Cedar City	Cedar Canyon Flour Mill	11/84
Mormon Battalion	Broad Hollow Marker	6/85

genealogical library, with microfilm reading machines set up for the extensive Extraction Program that is being carried on from Latin American records.

The Colonists believed the Lord's teachings "By your fruits ye shall be known", so they built well the Tithing Office and the Academy. From it, not a few notables in the Church graduated, including Franklin S. Harris, valedictorian in 1903. President Karl G. Maeser, Commissioner of Education, installed Guy C. Wilson as the first principal of the academy, before it had its present permanent building, which still stands and functions as one of two secondary schools that the Church maintains, and incidentally, as a monument to the Mormon pioneer colonists of a century ago.

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## Cedar City Chapter Leads SUP in New Members

The 1985 Encampment hosts, Cedar City Chapter, have added eleven more new members, leading all SUP units again!

A total of 37 new members have been added to SUP rolls in the past two months.

*Cedar City Chapter* -- Donald Ray Neilson, Robert John Warren, A. DeWayne Alger, Mark Applegate Robinson, Charles Forrest Hunter, Clemont Neilson, R. Kim Hunter, W. Howard Thorley, John Franklin Jones, Van L. Bushnell, and Donald Jones Marchant.

*Andrew Kimball Chapter* -- Lamar C. Kempton.

*At Large* -- Craig A. Peterson and John C. Tyler III.

*Box Elder Chapter* -- H. Keith Keller and John Allen Wayman.

*Buena Ventura Chapter* -- Milton E. Norton.

*Brigham Young Chapter* -- Frank L. Shafer.

*City Creek Chapter* -- Jay G. Bur-rup.

*Circle City/Indiana Chapter* -- Harry L. Atz, Sidney Lee Sebastian, Lance Wickliff, and Ellis Gary.

*East Mill Creek Chapter* -- Ora G. Greaves and David Neff Petersen.

*East Mill Creek Mills Chapter* -- John Richard Alley.

*Holladay Chapter* -- Barr Van Neilson.

*Little Colorado River Chapter* -- Marion Barry Webb.

*Mt. Ogden Chapter* -- Jack A. Etherington.

*Ogden Pioneer Chapter* -- Frank B. Carruth and Eldon V. Orton.

*Pioneer Trail Relay Chapter* -- James W. Peterson and Rand E. Nielson.

*Potomac/Washington Chapter* -- J. Delmar Seely.

*Taylorville/Bennion Chapter* -- Walter A. Norton.

*Union Fort Chapter* -- Joseph Oborn.

## SUP Adds 24 New Life Members

No.	Name	Chapter
1282	Robert Dixon Rose	GAS
1283	Jerry Dean Wilcox	TQ
1284	Keith Linford Wilcox	TQ
1285	Graham Ambrose	TQ
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1296	C. Arthur Geurts	SL/P
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1299	John William Schorr	AL
1302	Hollis S. Hunt	SLC
1303	Fred W. Dupaix	UF
1304	Lyle R. Peterson	SD
1305	Grant Ross Walker	SD
1306	Howard M. Ballif	TP
1307	Glenn E. Smith	TP

## Encampment Notice: August 21-24, 1986

The National Convention and Annual Encampment for 1986 Committee are working on getting the location for the convention. We have tentatively set the date for August 21-24, 1986 and we should have this confirmed by December 1st as we get the commitments for the different people concerned.

Mark your calendar and plan your vacation in Salt Lake City, August 21-24, 1986. We as a committee are very excited about the plans of the convention and we know that you will be, too.

There will be new and exciting things happening in this convention and we know you will not want to miss any of them.

See you in 1986.

**Lewis B. Murdock**  
1986 National Convention  
Chairman

## Chapter Eternal

### Lloyd H. Shaver

Lloyd H. Shaver, 77, died recently in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was a serviceman for the Sears company for 28 years in that locality and a member of SUP.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy; a son, Joseph; and a daughter, Penny Rush.

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### F. LeRoy Stoker

Francis LeRoy Stoker, 83, of Huntsville, died May 8 of heart failure. In 1966 when he was president of Jefferson Hunt SUP, they won the most outstanding chapter trophy.

He was born April 12, 1902, in Plain City, a son of Thomas W. and Emma Anderson Stoker. He married Mauda Rae Allen on November 21, 1924, and she died May 10, 1966. He then married Jane Abbott Horner October 3, 1966. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 30 years, retiring in 1966. He then worked at Jespersion-McEntire Mercantile Store in Huntsville, the Pine View Club and also had operated a hamburger stand in South Fork. He served on the Weber County Mosquito Abatement Board, the Huntsville Town Board, and as a park caretaker for Huntsville.

Surviving are his wife, three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one stepson and six step grandchildren. Also surviving are six brothers and three sisters. He was preceded in death by three daughters.

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### Vaughn Junius Wimmer

Vaughn Junius Wimmer, 73, died August 29, in Salt Lake City, following heart surgery. Born September 18, 1911, in Salt Lake, to William Junius and Mary Barlow Wimmer, he married Gwendolyn White May 15, 1935.

He and his wife owned and operated Distinctive Catering Service for 30 years. An active member of the LDS church, he served three missions, most recently at the Mormon Battalion Visitors Center in San Diego with his wife. He was president of the Salt Lake SUP Chapter at the time of his death and was a major in the Mormon Battalion and a charter member of the East Mill Creek Lion's Club.

He was a fine musician and spent many hours entertaining his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, three sons, one daughter, 18 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and one sister.

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